

AN ORDINANCE

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AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY ADDING TO THE LIST OF PARKS WHERE ALL PETS ARE REQUIRED TO BE RESTRAINED ON A LEASH, TO INCLUDE ALAMO PLAZA IN DISTRICT 1, EISENHOWER PARK IN DISTRICT 8, LA VILLITA IN DISTRICT 1, MARKET SQUARE IN DISTRICT 1, MEDINA RIVER PARK IN DISTRICT 4, PEARSALL PARK EXCLUDING THE DOG PARK AREA IN DISTRICT 4; RIVER WALK IN DISTRICT 1 AND WOODLAWN LAKE PARK IN DISTRICT 7; RESTRICTING ALL PETS FROM FRIEDRICH PARK AND CROWNRIDGE CANYON NATURE AREA IN DISTRICT 8; AND REQUIRING PETS TO BE RESTRAINED ON A LEASH DURING COMMUNITY EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT ARE HELD IN CITY PARKS; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN JULIAN CASTRO, DISTRICT 7.

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WHEREAS, a request from District 7 City Councilman Julian Castro requested staff to review the City's leash ordinance; and

WHEREAS, subsequent discussions in the City's Governance Committee, Economic and Human Development Committee and Quality of Life Committee supported a revision to the ordinance related to pet leash requirements in certain City parks; and

WHEREAS, said revision has been reviewed by City Council offices and City staff; and

WHEREAS, City staff has found that these revisions are in the best interest of the City of San Antonio; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Section 1. Section 22-145 of the City Code of the City of San Antonio is hereby established to read as follows:
"Article X. Park Use Policies

Sec. 22-145. Pets in City Parks

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take an animal, including a dog or cat, into the following parks unless the animal is restrained on a leash:
1. Brackenridge Park, including Koehler Park area
 2. Comanche Lookout Park
 3. Alamo Plaza
 4. Eisenhower Park
 5. Heritage Duck Pond Park
 6. La Villita
 7. Market Square
 8. Medina River Park
 9. Pearsall Park, excluding dog park area
 10. River Walk
 11. Woodlawn Park

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to take an animal into the following parks under any circumstances:
1. Zoological areas contiguous to Brackenridge Park
 2. Friedrich Wilderness Area
 3. Crownridge Canyon Nature Area
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to take an animal into any park during community special events open to the public, unless such animal is restrained on a leash.
- (d) It shall be an affirmative defense to any charge under this section that the defendant has received a special permit from the Director of Parks and Recreation to allow his animal into the park without being restrained on a leash. The Director of Parks and Recreation or his designated representative is authorized to issue a special permit within restricted parks for animal demonstrations, exhibitions or similar events. The director shall have authority to establish guidelines for the issuance of such permits and to impose whatever conditions he deems appropriate.
- (e) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined an amount not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); provided, however, in the event a defendant has once previously been convicted under this section or under Article I. of Chapter Five of the City Code, the defendant shall be fined an amount no less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), and in the event a defendant has twice previously been convicted under this section or under Article I. of Chapter Five of the City Code, in any combination, the defendant shall be fined an amount no less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00)."

Section 2. Section 22-56, "Dogs and cats in Brackenridge, Koehler and Comanche Lookout Parks" in Article III "Brackenridge and Koehler Parks" is hereby repealed.


Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

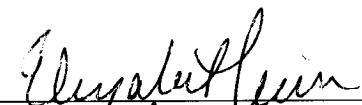
PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of September 2003.



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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney